

# HRA Agenda Item



Originator Housing and Redevelopment Authority	Item <b>Approval of 2016 Agency Plan and Section 8 Administrative Plan</b>
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Date  
10/6/2015

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## Description

The Bloomington HRA is required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to file an Annual Agency Plan for fiscal year 2016. The plan is a comprehensive guide to the HRA's policies, programs, operations and strategies for meeting local housing needs and goals. The plan also includes specific information on the policies and procedures for the HRA's Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Rent Assistance Program.

The HRA held a Public Hearing on the plan on September 8, 2015. Approval of the plans was delayed to allow time for staff to respond to a comment letter received from Legal Aid regarding both the plans. Staff has reviewed the comment letter and has updated the plans in response to some of the comments. The attached copy of the Legal Aid letter includes staff responses (in red) to each of their comments.

The Agency Plan (FY 2016) is enclosed, with the administrative plan for the Section 8 Program. This Agency Plan is an annual update to the five-year plan completed last year. The Agency Plan had no significant changes as a result of the comment letter.

The Section 8 Administrative Plan had one significant change as a result of the comment letter:

- Staff has drafted a reasonable accommodation policy to be included as part of the plan (Appendix K). This policy sets forth a new process by which an applicant or participant family with a disabled member may request a reasonable accommodation to alter/change/be exempt from, a program policy, rule, etc., in order to fully utilize the program.

At the meeting, staff will review the other incremental changes that were made to the plan and the Legal Aid comments that were not included in this update.

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## Requested Action

Staff recommends the HRA approve the attached plans and certifications for the 2016 Agency Plan and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Administrative Plan.

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## Attachments:

Revised 2016 Agency Plan  
Revised Section 8 Administrative Plan  
Legal Aid Comment Letter with HRA Responses  
2016 Agency Plan Certifications